Motivation

The last quartile of the year, the weather is great, and everybody is completely stressed out. Be it because of upcoming exam weaks, failing projects, or the fact that we have seven activities per week. Some might also say that the last quartile is a good moment to reflect on the past year. Which activities were the best? Which covid measure was funniest? How many friends did I make along the way?

To those I say; bullshit. Why would anyone take a precious moment of their time to look back on all those things? Use that same precious time to finish those things that are stressing you out. Because, hear me out, if you do that, they might stress you out less! Now if you don’t want to spend 100% of your time on this, that makes sense. Still, nobody every got better from performing critical reflections. So this time of the year is filled with barbecues, sunny drinks, festivals, radler and sunglasses. Step outside, grab a beverage, and enjoy <3

Only after writing this piece I realized how utterly useless it is, as everybody who reads this already made the right choice. So to you I say, congratulations for giving up, and enjoy the drink!

Vacancy PVC Chief Editor

Next to it being the last quartile, it’s also the last PVC of the year. Not only does this mean that this is the last time that you’re reading some top-notch comedy for a while. But it also means that the Chief Editorship will be taken over from the next PVC on. Looking at it right now, our best candidate is Maarten, the candidate secretary of the association, but just choosing the candidate secretary as the next chief editor of the PVC is boring. Why not spice it up this year, if you really want to fight for this amazing opportunity; fight Maarten, the ending of the fight might just change the responsibility next year.

Or it might not.

Bartenders’ blog
From the teppers

The main power source of the human being

With the end of the year approaching, it is time to reflect on the achievements of the past academic year. Personally, I have been reflecting on personal recent academic achievements, and I was wondering what the main drive behind this has been. After carefully thinking, I came to the conclusion that there was one major reason behind this. It wasn’t the teaching staff; it was due to a specific beverage. No, I am not talking about beer. I am talking about coffee! The great fuel that would assist many students through a long day of college or the final hours of a deadline. It even helps many to get through a hangover morning when you accidentally ended up in the vb after an IA drink.

It is hard to imagine how life would be without coffee since it drives many of us during the day. Especially since the academic world got a massive boost since making it to Europe in the 17th century. At this point in time, the great beverage of beer was not consumed as much (unfortunately). And coffee became the new fuel of humanity. Who could imagine that changing your beverage to a stimulant would increase the human’s ability to invent new concepts?

So yeah, when reflecting on the past academic year. It becomes clear that I am not the only one that should be a fan of coffee. We all should. Enjoy your drink in the sun. And if you have had one too many. Make sure to recover tomorrow with a nice coffee!

Live life drunk
From Pim

Now the title of this article may be a bit cliché for a Friday afternoon drink, but there is much more to it than you may expect: As a fanatic fan of one-liners, I have always appreciated an inspiring quote. The feeling of something that doesn’t take much effort yet leaves you with a sense of satisfaction.

To harbour this, I often seek distraction to quasi-motivational quotes in the form of the subreddit /r/quotes. For example: “Will you shut up man” - Joe Biden, honestly struck me. But jokes aside, I once stumbled upon the quote that introduced me to the concept of doing everything with all my dedication. For some of us, that may be dedicating ourselves to completing a probability exam with the most confidence or committing to a distraction in the form of whatever the city holds for us.

For me, this distraction lately has been the design flaws in language that lead to word avalanches such as Trump may trump May, May may trump Trump or an otherwise famous one: Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo Buffalo.

Though for English the longest one I have yet found is - notwithstanding punctuation: “Stuart, while Dan had had had had had had had had had had had had had had more luck with the teacher.”
However, then my patriotism kicked in and led me to the sentence introduced by Kees Torn repeating the word ‘Bergen’ 16 times. Despite the possibility that this sentence could be increased with an additional 3 ‘Bergen’, I have to give it to the Chinese poet Yuen Ren Chao who managed to create a poem using the sound ‘Shì’ 96 times to tell the story of a Lion-Eating Poet in the Stone of Den. Since I don’t strictly know where I want to go with this sog activity, I’ll just advise you to Google Yuen Ren Chao and hear for yourself what the man has to say. Enjoy your weekend!

**BH V’s blog**

*From the teppers*

On a sunny Friday morning in mid-June, getting out of bed is not that hard. The weather’s great, the sun’s out; time to seize the day and be productive, right? It is unlike a winter’s day, where the darkness outside seems to indicate it is not at all time to wake up yet, and the cold, cloudy weather is yet another reminder of how comfy your bed is. Nonetheless, here I am, motionlessly scrolling through my phone with the curtains closed. What is the reason for this fatigue? Well, although it may be summer, including the corresponding weather, that is hardly a reason to be productive. This time of year, there are so many other wonderful things happening that the last few weeks of the academic year may make you feel like you’re missing it all. At least, that’s how I feel and have felt for the last few years.

The academic year runs from the beginning of September to the beginning of July, with roughly 8 weeks between the last exams and the new academic year. This is not taking the Kick-In into account, which would subtract two weeks. In comparison to other countries, summer break in the Netherlands is relatively late: many European countries leave education in June or even in May already (though in some cases, this also means they will return in mid-August already). Another complicating factor is that our last official break was in February, ~15(!) weeks ago. No wonder productivity is taking a dive in these last few weeks.

All in all, it is understandable that you would rather be outside enjoying yourself, having drinks, parties, going swimming, or enjoying time off with friends. Just a few more weeks, and that can all come true. And until that time, it is important to take breaks. On a sunny Friday afternoon, head outside - don’t forget sunglasses and sunscreen - and have a drink. You’ve deserved it!

**Public Void Puzzle();**

Every public void close() contains a puzzle to exercise your mind. This puzzle was made by Maas, and the following explanation accompanies the puzzle:

In the Netherlands, we love one sport in particular, and that is soccer. And everyone likes to play it, but not everyone can be as good as the players in the Dutch national team. At the moment, we are luckily not playing because otherwise, the Netherlands would not have been first in the pool in the Nations League. However, we also had some sad moments when we got the bronze or silver medals while we were striving for gold. The players below are also striving for gold and great ratings, sadly enough, at the beginning of these seasons, they did not play too well, so they got the lowest ratings at the beginning of the year, but over these years, they strived to become better and better.

If you need some more motivation: the first person or group to hand over the correct solution to the bartenders will receive eleven free drinks from the bartenders!

Nigel de Jong: 2010 - 2017
Nathan Aké: 2019 - 2020
Frenkie de Jong: 2017 – 2020
Andreas Christensen: 2014 - 2018
Matthijs de Ligt: 2018 – 2021
Denzel Dumfries: 2018 – 2022
Daley Blind: 2011 – 2022
Wesley Sneijder: 2010 – 2011
Virgil van Dijk: 2013 - 2021